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MAYOR JERRY WEIERS LEADING EFFORT TO HELP MILITARY VETERANS AT NEW EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 27

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. -- Mayor Jerry Weiers is mobilizing military veteran support agencies as well as businesses, non-profit groups, individuals and a local community college to produce a one-day event for veterans and their families from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

Stand up for Veterans will be held at Glendale Community College's Student Union at 59th and Olive avenues.

The idea of creating an event to help veterans living in Glendale and the West Valley become better acclimated to civilian life after their military career is over came to the mayor after organizing a job fair for veterans last year.

"Many of our veterans have additional needs beyond just finding employment," said Weiers. "So, in addition to helping them obtain jobs, *Stand Up For Veterans* will provide services on-site during the event as well as inform veterans and their families on the benefits and services that are available to them in the areas of education, legal assistance and community resources.

"The goal of this new event is to help address any challenges they may have before the challenges become insurmountable."

Some of the services that will be available on site at the event include:

- Glendale and West Valley employers will be present to interview veterans and, potentially, hire them on the spot that day. Computers will be available to prepare resumes and submit applications with the assistance from trained volunteers
- GCC will provide information on educational opportunities, including the 44 degree and 65 certificate programs the community college offers

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- Free lunch for veterans and their families
- Maricopa County representatives will be present to assist individuals seeking to obtain a Food Handler Card. Computers for testing will be available and the County will be providing temporary certificates for individuals to show prospective employers
- Free haircuts
- The Arizona Motor Vehicle Division will assist veterans with issues relating to temporary driver's licenses and photo identification cards
- The Arizona Department of Veterans Services and numerous other organizations will provide information on benefits and local social services available to veterans and their families as well as help veterans with any other unique needs they may have.
- The Glendale City Court and other nearby courts will address any other outstanding legal issues with veterans. Also, community service opportunities will be available to provide eligible veterans the chance to work on a community service project in lieu of paying fines.

In addition to the services that will be available on site, *Stand Up for Veterans* will feature military equipment displays.

If you or your business would like to participate in *Stand Up for Veterans* or for more information on the upcoming event, please visit www.glendalestandup.org.

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